

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 9, 2003 has been studied carefully.

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 are currently amended.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for her expeditious allowance of claims 9-17.

Turning now to the art-based rejections of claims 1-8, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1-8 would be allowable if independent claims 1 and 3 are amended to recite "consisting of" language. Pursuant to this suggestion, Applicant has inserted the phrase "consisting of" into claims 1 and 3, respectively to "close" those claims accordingly.


It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 now patentably define over the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in a timely manner in this case.

Should the Examiner determine that anything else is desirable to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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